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5.12 TUNNELING VLAN PACKETS ACROSS MANs

The “stackable” VLAN feature on the RS allows you to tunnel multiple VLANs through a metropolitan area network (MAN) over a single backbone VLAN. This feature provides the following benefits:

- Traffic for multiple VLANs, or traffic for multiple customers, can be aggregated to run through a MAN over a single backbone VLAN. The RS supports a maximum of 4094 customers or VLANs and up to 4094 backbone VLANs.
- Spanning tree and rapid spanning tree protocols can be run in customer-specific VLANs; no reconfiguration of customer-specific VLANs is needed.
- Per-VLAN spanning tree can be run in the backbone VLAN.

5.12.1 Stackable VLAN Components

The following figure illustrates the basic components of the stackable VLAN. Routers R1 and R2 switch traffic for customers C1 and C2 through the MAN. Ports et.2.1 on R1 and et.6.1 on R2 belong to customer C1’s VLAN, “BLUE” while ports et.3.1 on R1 and et. 7.1 on R2 belong to customer C2’s VLAN, “GREEN.” Traffic entering any of these four ports are tagged with the appropriate customer VLAN ID (BLUE or GREEN) in an IEEE 802.1q header.

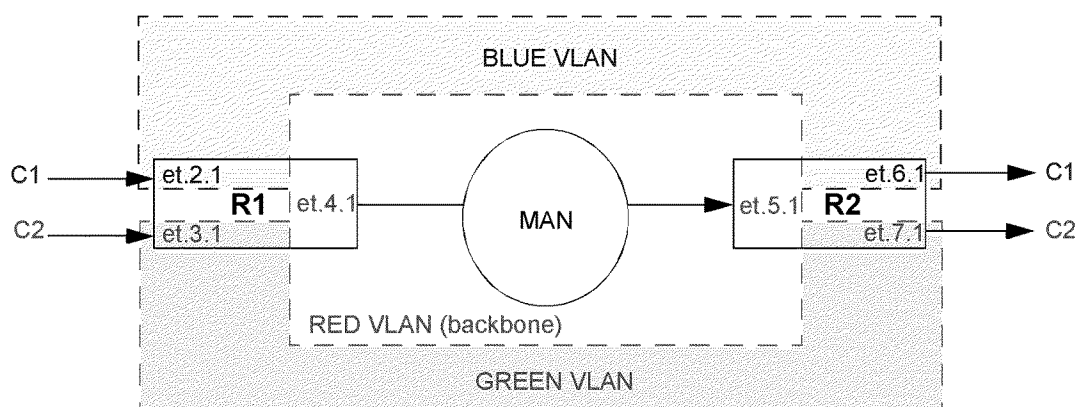


Figure 5-3 Stackable VLAN components

- The VLAN RED is the *backbone VLAN*, which allows traffic from various VLANs to be tunneled through the MAN.
- Ports et.4.1 on R1 and et.5.1 on R2 are *tunnel backbone ports*, which are trunk ports through which the VLAN traffic is tunneled. **Tunnel backbone ports must be configured as trunk ports so that they maintain the encapsulated 802.1q header.** You configure these ports as both trunk ports and tunnel backbone ports with the `stackable-vlan` option of the `vlan make trunk-port` CLI command.
- Ports et.2.1 and et.3.1 on R1 are *tunnel entry ports*, which are access ports on which the VLAN traffic to be tunneled enters R1. Ports et. 6.1 and et.7.1 on R2 are *tunnel exit ports*, which are access ports on which the tunneled traffic exits R2. You configure the mapping of the tunnel entry and tunnel exit ports to the backbone VLAN with the `vlan enable stackable-vlan` CLI command.



Note Tunnel entry and exit port are configured as access ports. These ports can receive 802.1q-tagged traffic.

In Figure 5-3, customer C1 tags outgoing traffic with the VLAN ID BLUE in the 802.1q headers. Customer C1's traffic enters the tunnel entry port et.2.1 on R1. On R1, the tunnel entry port et.2.1 is mapped to the backbone VLAN RED. The BLUE-tagged packet received on port et.2.1 is encapsulated with an 802.1q header with VLAN RED's tag before it is bridged out on the tunnel backbone port et.4.1. (The original 802.1q header with the VLAN BLUE ID is now part of the data portion of the packet.) On R2, the RED 802.1q header is stripped off before the packet is sent out on et.6.1. The packet is sent out the tunnel exit port as a tagged packet with the original BLUE 802.1q header.

If an untagged packet arrives on a tunnel entry port, normal layer 2 processing takes place. If the packet needs to be flooded, it will be flooded on all ports in the customer VLAN.

If a broadcast or multicast packet arrives on a tunnel entry port, the packet is flooded on all ports that belong to the backbone VLAN as well as any other ports that belong to that VLAN. If a unicast packet arrives on a tunnel entry port, the packet is sent out a particular backbone VLAN port.

The 802.1p priority of a packet is preserved throughout the MAN. The RS hardware uses the control priority in the L2 table entry. If there is no L2 table entry for the packet, the 802.1p priority contained in the 802.1q header is used.

Normally, access ports can belong to only one VLAN of a particular protocol type, such as IP. The RS allows tunnel entry and exit ports to be added to multiple VLANs. Note, however, that only ports that are configured with the `stackable-vlan` option of the `vlan make access-port` command can be added to more than one VLAN of the same protocol type.

GARP and/or GVRP can be enabled on tunnel backbone ports.



Note You *cannot* enable L4 bridging on stackable VLANs. Also, do not use the `stp set vlan-disable` command on routers where you are configuring stackable VLANs.

5.12.2 Configuration Examples

This section contains configuration examples for the following scenarios:

- Multiple customers, with each customer having its own VLAN
- Multiple customers sharing a common VLAN
- Single VLAN with multiple tunnel entry ports
- STP or GVRP in customer VLANs tunneled over the backbone VLAN
- Multiple VLANs on a single tunnel entry/exit port

Multiple Customer VLANs

In Figure 5-4, traffic for customer C1's VLAN (BLUE) and for customer C2's VLAN (GREEN) is tunneled through the backbone VLAN (RED).

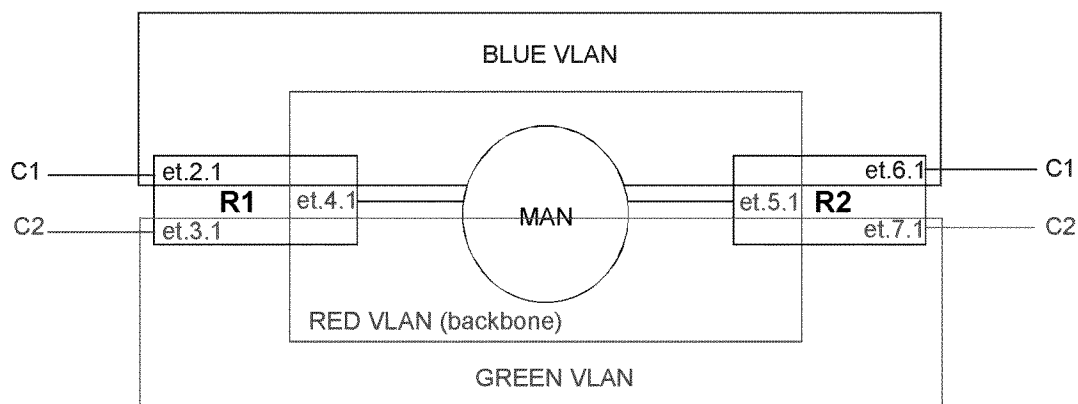


Figure 5-4 Multiple customers with different VLANs

The following is the configuration for R1:

```
! Create 1 backbone VLAN and 2 customer VLANs
vlan create RED port-based
vlan create GREEN port-based
vlan create BLUE port-based
! Add port to each VLAN
vlan add ports et.2.1 to BLUE
vlan add ports et.3.1 to GREEN
vlan add ports et.4.1 to RED
! Make et.4.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.4.1 stackable-vlan
! Map tunnel entry ports to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.2.1 backbone-vlan RED
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.3.1 backbone-vlan RED
```

The following is the configuration for R2:

```
! Create 1 backbone VLAN and 2 customer VLANs
vlan create RED port-based
vlan create GREEN port-based
vlan create BLUE port-based
! Add port to each VLAN
vlan add ports et.6.1 to BLUE
vlan add ports et.7.1 to GREEN
vlan add ports et.5.1 to RED
! Make et.5.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.5.1 stackable-vlan
! Map tunnel exit ports to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.6.1 backbone-vlan RED
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.7.1 backbone-vlan RED
```

Multiple Customers with Common VLANs

In Figure 5-5, customers C1 and C2 are connected to the MAN, with both customers using the same VLAN (BLUE). To ensure that traffic for C1 is not sent to C2 and vice versa, the backbone VLAN for each customer must be different. Therefore, traffic for customer C1 will be sent on the backbone VLAN RED, while traffic for customer C2 will be sent on the backbone VLAN GREEN. Note that the trunk port on each router is part of both backbone VLAN RED and backbone VLAN GREEN.

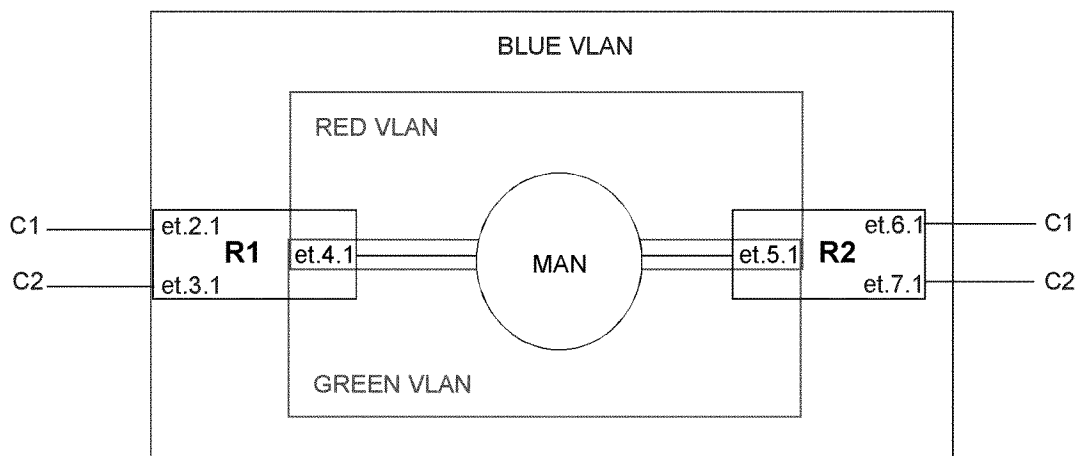


Figure 5-5 Multiple customers with common VLANs

The following is the configuration for R1:

```
! Create 2 backbone VLANs and 1 customer VLAN
vlan create RED port-based
vlan create GREEN port-based
vlan create BLUE port-based
! Add ports to BLUE VLAN
vlan add ports et.2.1, et.3.1 to BLUE
! Make et.4.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.4.1 stackable-vlan
! Add et.4.1 to both RED and GREEN backbone VLANs
vlan add ports et.4.1 to RED
vlan add ports et.4.1 to GREEN
! Map tunnel entry ports to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.2.1 backbone-vlan RED
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.3.1 backbone-vlan GREEN
```

The following is the configuration for R2:

```
! Create 2 backbone VLANs and 1 customer VLAN
vlan create RED port-based
vlan create GREEN port-based
vlan create BLUE port-based
! Add ports to BLUE VLAN
vlan add ports et.6.1, et.7.1 to BLUE
! Make et.5.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.5.1 stackable-vlan
! Add et.5.1 to both RED and GREEN backbone VLANs
vlan add ports et.5.1 to RED
vlan add ports et.5.1 to GREEN
! Map tunnel exit ports to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.6.1 backbone-vlan RED
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.7.1 backbone-vlan GREEN
```

Tunnel entry or exit ports can be spread across routers. In Figure 5-6, customers C1 and C3 use the VLAN BLUE, while customers C2 and C4 use the VLAN GREEN. The backbone VLAN for each customer must be different to ensure that traffic for C1 is not sent to C3, traffic for C2 is not sent to C4, etc. Therefore, traffic for customer C1 and C2 will be sent on the backbone VLAN RED, while traffic for customer C3 and C4 will be sent on the backbone VLAN PURPLE.

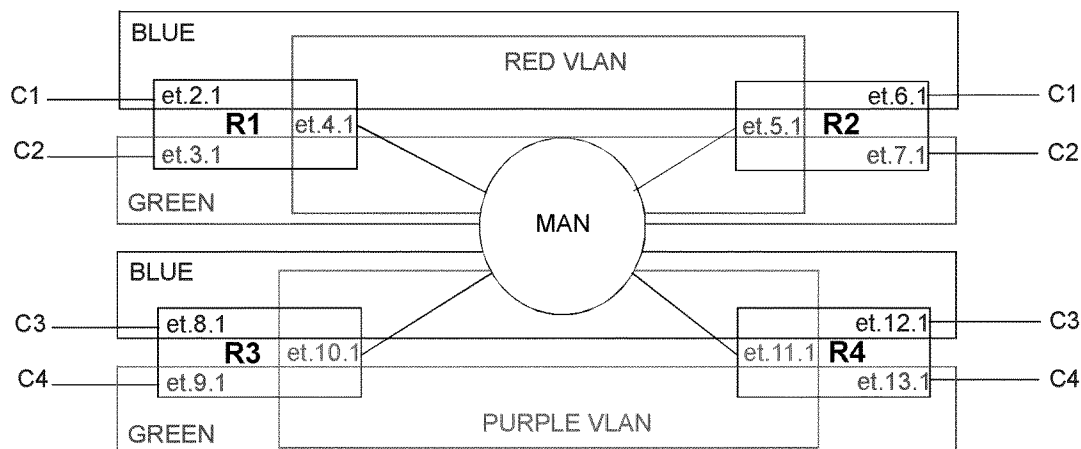


Figure 5-6 Multiple customers with common VLANs across multiple routers

The following is the configuration for R1:

```
! Create 1 backbone VLAN and 2 customer VLANs
vlan create RED port-based
vlan create GREEN port-based
vlan create BLUE port-based
! Add port to each VLAN
vlan add ports et.2.1 to BLUE
vlan add ports et.3.1 to GREEN
vlan add ports et.4.1 to RED
! Make et.4.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.4.1 stackable-vlan
! Map tunnel entry ports to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.2.1 backbone-vlan RED
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.3.1 backbone-vlan RED
```

The following is the configuration for R2:

```
! Create 1 backbone VLAN and 2 customer VLANs
vlan create RED port-based
vlan create GREEN port-based
vlan create BLUE port-based
! Add port to each VLAN
vlan add ports et.6.1 to BLUE
vlan add ports et.5.1 to RED
vlan add ports et.7.1 to GREEN
! Make et.5.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.5.1 stackable-vlan
! Map tunnel exit ports to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.6.1 backbone-vlan RED
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.7.1 backbone-vlan RED
```

The following is the configuration for R3:

```
! Create 1 backbone VLAN and 2 customer VLANs
vlan create PURPLE port-based
vlan create GREEN port-based
vlan create BLUE port-based
! Add port to each VLAN
vlan add ports et.8.1 to BLUE
vlan add ports et.9.1 to GREEN
vlan add ports et.10.1 to PURPLE
! Make et.10.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.10.1 stackable-vlan
! Map tunnel entry ports to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.8.1 backbone-vlan PURPLE
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.9.1 backbone-vlan PURPLE
```

The following is the configuration for R4:

```
! Create 1 backbone VLAN and 2 customer VLANs
vlan create PURPLE port-based
vlan create GREEN port-based
vlan create BLUE port-based
! Add port to each VLAN
vlan add ports et.11.1 to PURPLE
vlan add ports et.12.1 to BLUE
vlan add ports et.13.1 to GREEN
! Make et.11.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.11.1 stackable-vlan
! Map tunnel exit ports to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.12.1 backbone-vlan PURPLE
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.13.1 backbone-vlan PURPLE
```

Single VLAN with Multiple Tunnel Entry Ports

In Figure 5-7, customer C1 has a VLAN BLUE with multiple tunnel entry ports (et.2.1 and et.3.1 on R1) and multiple tunnel exit ports (et.6.1 and et.7.1 on R2).

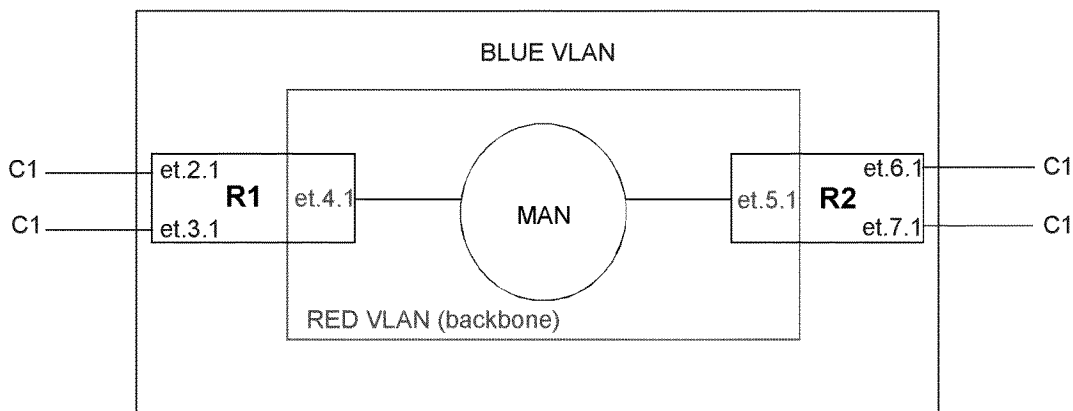


Figure 5-7 Customer VLAN with multiple tunnel entry/exit ports

The following is the configuration for R1:

```
! Create backbone VLAN and customer VLAN
vlan create RED port-based
vlan create BLUE port-based
! Add ports to VLANs
vlan add ports et.2.1, et.3.1 to BLUE
vlan add ports et.4.1 to RED
! Make et.4.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.4.1 stackable-vlan
! Map tunnel entry ports to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.2.1 backbone-vlan RED
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.3.1 backbone-vlan RED
```

The following is the configuration for R2:

```
! Create backbone VLAN and customer VLAN
vlan create RED port-based
vlan create BLUE port-based
! Add ports to VLANs
vlan add ports et.6.1, et.7.1 to BLUE
vlan add ports et.5.1 to RED
! Make et.5.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.5.1 stackable-vlan
! Map tunnel exit ports to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.6.1 backbone-vlan RED
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.7.1 backbone-vlan RED
```

The following is an example where a customer VLAN has multiple tunnel entry or exit ports spread across routers. Figure 5-8 shows customers C1 and C2 sharing the VLAN BLUE. Traffic for customer C1 can arrive on tunnel entry ports on routers R1, R2, or R3. Broadcast or multicast traffic arriving on et.2.1 on R1 is tunneled on backbone VLAN RED and will be seen by C1 users on R2 and R3. C2 users on R4 will not see the C1 traffic since the tunnel backbone port on R4 belongs to the backbone VLAN PURPLE.

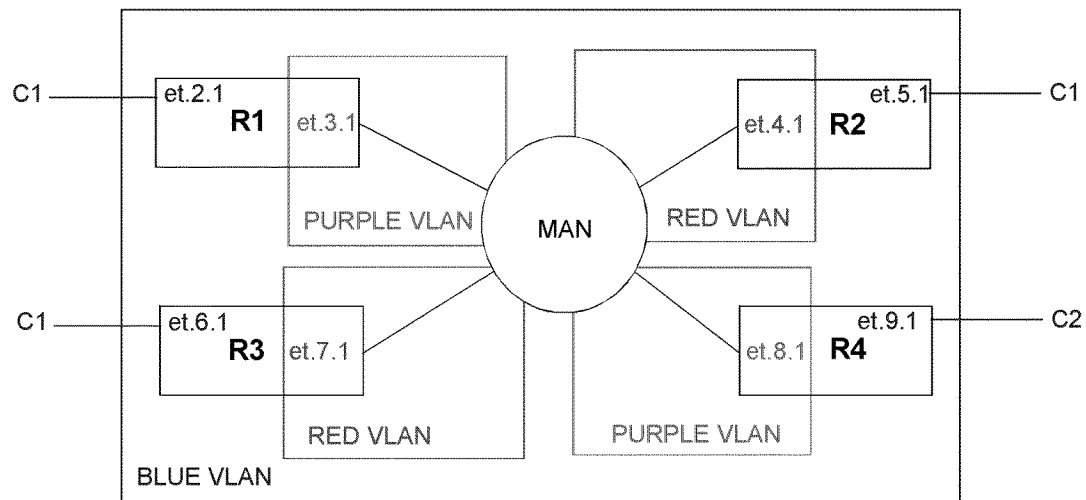


Figure 5-8 Customer VLAN with multiple tunnel entry ports across multiple routers

The following is the configuration for R1:

```
! Create 1 backbone VLAN and 1 customer VLAN
vlan create PURPLE port-based
vlan create BLUE port-based
! Add port to each VLAN
vlan add ports et.2.1 to BLUE
vlan add ports et.3.1 to PURPLE
! Make et.3.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.3.1 stackable-vlan
! Map tunnel entry port to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.2.1 backbone-vlan PURPLE
```

The following is the configuration for R2:

```
! Create 1 backbone VLAN and 1 customer VLAN  
vlan create RED port-based  
vlan create BLUE port-based  
! Add port to each VLAN  
vlan add ports et.4.1 to RED  
vlan add ports et.5.1 to BLUE  
! Make et.4.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port  
vlan make trunk-port et.4.1 stackable-vlan  
! Map tunnel exit ports to backbone VLAN  
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.5.1 backbone-vlan RED
```

The following is the configuration for R3:

```
! Create 1 backbone VLAN and 1 customer VLAN  
vlan create RED port-based  
vlan create BLUE port-based  
! Add port to each VLAN  
vlan add ports et.6.1 to BLUE  
vlan add ports et.7.1 to RED  
! Make et.7.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port  
vlan make trunk-port et.7.1 stackable-vlan  
! Map tunnel entry ports to backbone VLAN  
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.6.1 backbone-vlan RED
```

The following is the configuration for R4:

```
! Create 1 backbone VLAN and 1 customer VLAN  
vlan create PURPLE port-based  
vlan create BLUE port-based  
! Add port to each VLAN  
vlan add ports et.8.1 to PURPLE  
vlan add ports et.9.1 to BLUE  
! Make et.8.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port  
vlan make trunk-port et.8.1 stackable-vlan  
! Map tunnel exit ports to backbone VLAN  
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.9.1 backbone-vlan PURPLE
```



Note If you do not want multicast or broadcast traffic from C1 on R1 to be seen by C1 on R3, then configure a different backbone VLAN on R3.

STP/GVRP in Customer VLANs Tunneled over Backbone VLAN

STP, RSTP, or GARP/GVRP can be run in the customer VLANs which are tunneled over the backbone VLAN. The customer VLAN does not need to be reconfigured in order to be tunneled.

In Figure 5-9, traffic for customer C1's VLAN (BLUE) and for customer C2's VLAN (GREEN) is tunneled through the backbone VLAN (RED). STP is enabled in the customer VLAN BLUE on the customer routers C1R1 and C1R2 for customer C1.

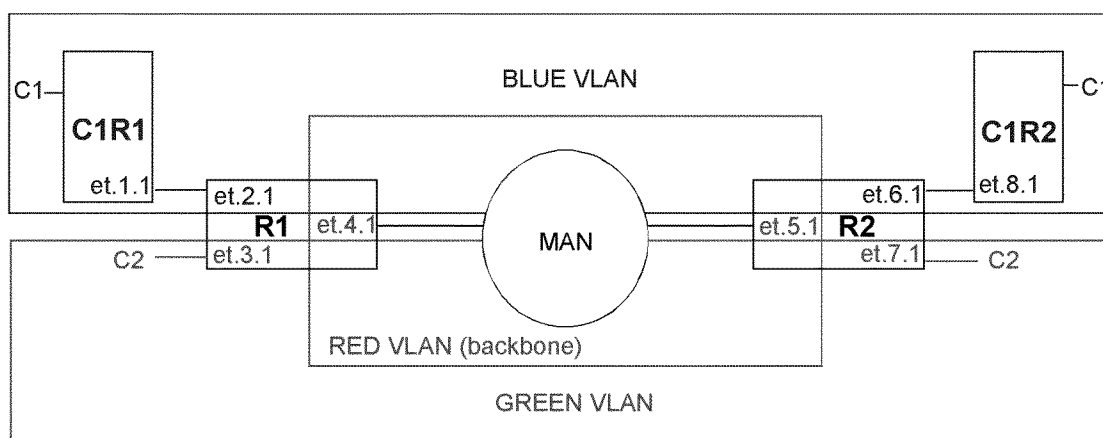


Figure 5-9 STP enabled in customer VLANs

The following configuration statements on C1R1 enable STP on port et.1.1, the port that is connected to the tunnel entry port.

```
! Create customer VLAN
vlan create BLUE port-based

! Add port to VLAN
vlan add ports et.1.1 to BLUE

! Make port et.1.1 a trunk port
vlan make trunk-port et.1.1

! Enable STP on et.1.1
stp enable port et.1.1

! Optional STP configurations
stp set bridging hello-time 3
```

The following configuration statements on C1R2 enable STP on port et.8.1, the port that is connected to the tunnel exit port.

```
! Create customer VLAN  
vlan create BLUE port-based  
! Add port to VLAN  
vlan add ports et.8.1 to BLUE  
! Make port et.8.1 a trunk port  
vlan make trunk-port et.8.1  
! Enable STP on et.8.1  
stp enable port et.8.1
```

The configuration of the tunnel entry/exit ports and tunnel backbone ports on R1 and R2 are identical to those shown in the earlier example in Figure 5-4:

The following is the configuration for R1:

```
! Create 1 backbone VLAN and 2 customer VLANs  
vlan create RED port-based  
vlan create GREEN port-based  
vlan create BLUE port-based  
! Add port to each VLAN  
vlan add ports et.2.1 to BLUE  
vlan add ports et.3.1 to GREEN  
vlan add ports et.4.1 to RED  
! Make et.4.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port  
vlan make trunk-port et.4.1 stackable-vlan  
! Map tunnel entry ports to backbone VLAN  
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.2.1 backbone-vlan RED  
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.3.1 backbone-vlan RED
```

The following is the configuration for R2:

```
! Create 1 backbone VLAN and 2 customer VLANs
vlan create RED port-based
vlan create GREEN port-based
vlan create BLUE port-based
! Add port to each VLAN
vlan add ports et.6.1 to BLUE
vlan add ports et.7.1 to GREEN
vlan add ports et.5.1 to RED
! Make et.5.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.5.1 stackable-vlan
! Map tunnel exit ports to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.6.1 backbone-vlan RED
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.7.1 backbone-vlan RED
```

Multiple VLANs on a Single Tunnel Entry Port

Tunnel entry and exit ports are access ports. Normally, access ports can belong to only one VLAN of a particular protocol type. With stackable VLANs, traffic for multiple VLANs can enter a tunnel entry port to be tunneled over the backbone VLAN. In this case, the tunnel entry port must belong to all the VLANs that are to be tunneled. Use the `stackable-vlan` option of the `vlan make access-port` command to allow the tunnel entry port to be added to any number of VLANs.

In Figure 5-10, customers C1, C2, C3, C4, and C5 each have a VLAN that will use port et.2.1 on R1 as the tunnel entry port. On R2, port et.6.1 will be the tunnel exit port for traffic for all five VLANs.

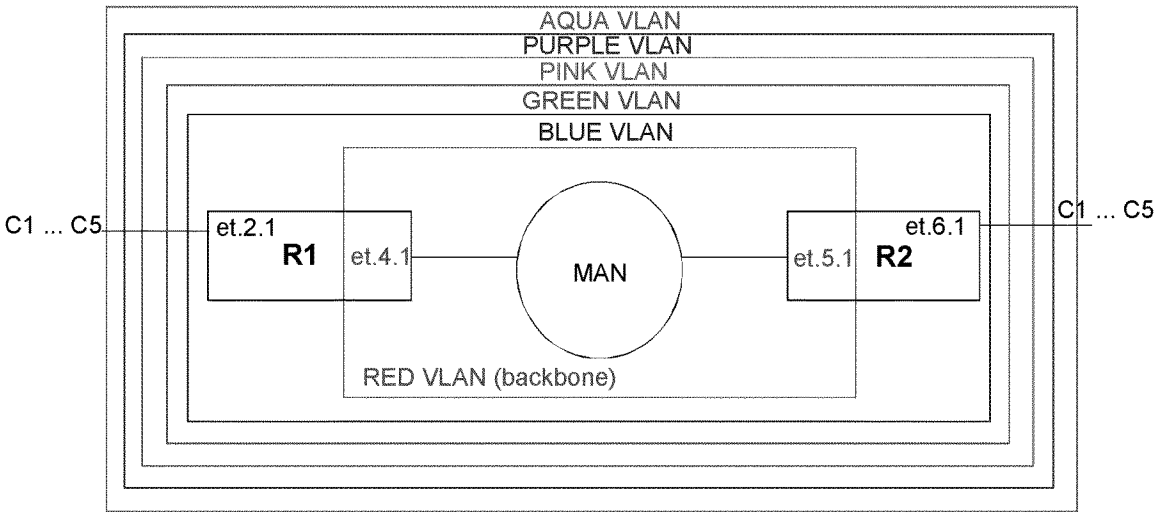


Figure 5-10 Multiple VLANs on single tunnel entry port

The following is the configuration for R1:

```
! Create backbone VLAN
vlan create RED port-based

! Create customer VLANs
vlan create BLUE port-based
vlan create GREEN port-based
vlan create PINK port-based
vlan create PURPLE port-based
vlan create AQUA port-based

! Make et.2.1 an access port that can belong to > 1 VLAN
vlan make access-port et.2.1 stackable-vlan

! Add ports to VLANs
vlan add ports et.2.1 to BLUE
vlan add ports et.2.1 to GREEN
vlan add ports et.2.1 to PINK
vlan add ports et.2.1 to PURPLE
vlan add ports et.2.1 to AQUA

! Add port to backbone VLAN
vlan add ports et.4.1 to RED

! Make et.4.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.4.1 stackable-vlan

! Map tunnel entry ports to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.2.1 backbone-vlan RED
```



Note

Note that in the above configuration, the commands that add port et.2.1 to more than one VLAN must be issued *before* the command to map the port to the backbone VLAN. That is, the `vlan add ports` commands must occur *before* the `vlan enable stackable-vlan` command. Once the `vlan enable stackable-vlan` command is issued, ports cannot be added to or removed from the customer VLANs.

The following is the configuration for R2:

```
! Create backbone VLAN
vlan create RED port-based
! Create customer VLANs
vlan create BLUE port-based
vlan create GREEN port-based
vlan create PINK port-based
vlan create PURPLE port-based
vlan create AQUA port-based
! Make et.6.1 an access port that can belong to > 1 VLAN
vlan make access-port et.6.1 stackable-vlan
! Add ports to VLANs
vlan add ports et.6.1 to BLUE
vlan add ports et.6.1 to GREEN
vlan add ports et.6.1 to PINK
vlan add ports et.6.1 to PURPLE
vlan add ports et.6.1 to AQUA
! Add port to backbone VLAN
vlan add ports et.5.1 to RED
! Make et.5.1 both a trunk port and a tunnel backbone port
vlan make trunk-port et.5.1 stackable-vlan
! Map tunnel entry ports to backbone VLAN
vlan enable stackable-vlan on et.6.1 backbone-vlan RED
```

5.12.3 Displaying Stackable VLAN Information

Use the `vlan show stackable-vlan` command to display the configuration of stackable VLANs on the RS. For example:

```
rs# vlan show stackable-vlan
Stackable VLAN Information
=====
(20, 222): ❶
  Applied On: et.6.1 ❷
  Flooded On: et.3.8,et.6.1 ❸
Stackable VLAN Trunk Ports: et.3.8 ❹
Stackable VLAN Access Ports: ❺
```

The following explains the display:

1. The ID number of the VLAN, followed by the ID number of the backbone VLAN.
2. The tunnel entry/exit ports, configured with the **vlan enable stackable-vlan** command.
3. The ports on which multicast, broadcast, or unknown unicast packets are flooded.
4. The tunnel backbone ports, configured with the **stackable-vlan** option of the **vlan make trunk-port** command.
5. Tunnel entry ports that have also been configured (with the **stackable-vlan** option of the **vlan make access-port** command) as access ports that can belong to more than one VLAN of the same protocol type. This allows multiple VLANs to use the same tunnel entry port.

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